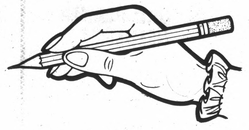
Then And Now

By Frances H. Paulette



What Did You Write Today?

The Rev. Thomas Smith, retired Baptist minister, living in the Evergreen Community, was the guest minister at the Evergreen Baptist Church recently. The New Year's message that he presented was plain, simple, and straight to the point; so much so, in fact, it made me squirm uncomfortably as I applied it to my own life.

Rev. Smith compared the New Year, 1979, to a book of 365 pages waiting to be filled. Not filled, mind you, IF and WHEN we feel like it, with only those things of which we can be proud. But, page after page, filled each day, exactly as we live it. A bit unsettling, isn't it?

Just what did we write on the pages of 1978?

Long after the morning service was over, the words of Rev. Smith remained front row, center in my mind. Naturally I didn't want to forget such a wonderful message but on the other hand, I wasn't quite ready to dwell on it either.

Most likely my reluctance to deal with the message was simply because I wasn't too happy with some of the pages I had written in '78!

Without a doubt, we all have pages with blots and 'burs;' things we have done or said that displeased even us and we tried to change or erase them. Then too, there are probably pages filled with humor, others showing compassion, and even pages stained with the tears of sadness. Whether we like to admit it or not, we have all filled a page or two with a bit of selfishness, sometimes criticism, and maybe on occasion, even worse.

We find ourselves in a lot of different situations, don't we?

Have you ever been feeling "Top of the Morning", really satisfied with yourself and very suddenly have someone take you down' a notch or two?

It may have happened something like this . . .

You are walking down the street, feeling good about life in general and about yourself in particular. Suddenly, coming toward you from the opposite direction, is an old friend of your late mother. You two have not seen each other in quite some time.

"Good morning, child", she greets you with a smile.

Why, oh, why, couldn't she remember your name. On second thought, the term 'child' was fine . . . it made you feel a bit younger!

Before you could even get out a greeting, she continues . . .

"I'm so glad to see you; I don't believe I have ever seen you look more attractive and that is such a becoming outfit you're wearing. Your mother would be so proud of you."

Suddenly you stand just a bit taller; it didn't really matter that she couldn't remember your name. After all, she did notice how you were dressed and seemed so glad to see you. And she did say such nice things about how you looked . . .

Your interest quickens . . .

"And where, Mrs. 'So and So', are you headed this morning?"

"My dear," she quickly replies, "didn't I tell you? My neighbor is taking me to see the eye doctor; my appointment is long over due. I'm almost blind - - can't see a thing!"

Of all the nerve . . . telling you how attractive you were and all that nice stuff and all the time she couldn't see a thing!

I wonder what was written on the page for that day! What were your thoughts? Did you feel kindness and compassion for an old lady, who having loved your mother very much, wanted to make you feel good; Or, were your thoughts self-centered . . . angry thoughts because your ego suffered a blow?

Remember the time you visited the nursing home? It was your first visit, and you didn't really know what to say. In fact, you just came along with the church group.

As you walked through the home greeting the residents with an awkard smile, one little old lady grabbed your hand and talked with such enthusiasm you even forgot to feel uncomfortable. You just listened as she rambled on and on. As she thanked you for coming, telling you just how much it meant, she commented on the perfume you were wearing. It was nice . . . you really liked it. You couldn't even remember what fragrance you had used.

What did the page show for that day? Very quickly the answer comes to mind, "Nothing, really nothing!" But, wait a minute . . . that page shows kindness and compassion. Maybe it wasn't really intended that way but that's how it came out. You know, that is the frightening part of it all.

Often, as we go about living day after day, thoughts and ideas are formed with one thing in mind BUT when they are translated into words or actions, they are a bit different than what we think we are saying or doing. It somehow just come sout differently to the other fellow. Something tells me we should be careful about letting words fly without thinking first. (Maybe you don't do that, but I'm afraid I sure do!)

Rev. Smith, you are very wise and so right; thank you for a message that is indeed unforgetable!

By the way, what will you write today?

CATHOLIC CHURCH SERVICES BEING HELD AT OAKVILLE SCHOOL

Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church is now holding church services each Sunday at 9 a.m. at the Oakville School building.

Members and friends are invited to attend.

HAPPINESS IS 4-H

By Frank H. Sweet
Extension Agent

Senior 4-H'ers are reminded of the need to begin work on their achievement records. These are due in the Extension Office by January 30.

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There is a new 4-H record sheet for members who have been active in Share-the-Fun over the past years. This record will be helpful for younger 4-H'ers to keep up with their participation in 4-H Share-the-Fun programs.

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4-H Public Speaking programs will begin in late January and continue through early February. Public Speaking is an excellent opportunity for young people to learn to prepare and present a talk in front of a group. Awards for this program are sponsored locally by Farmers National Bank.

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Volunteer leaders and 4-H parents are reminded that mileage driven for 4-H programs and activities is tax deductible at the rate of 7 cents per mile on their Federal Income Tax if they itemize their deductions. Such 4-H programs as trips to Klassroom Quiz, Interstate Exchange trips, and special individual club trips would all be included in this category.

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4-H'ers that took part in Share-the-Fun at Appomattox Elementary School will have another opportunity to perform. They have been asked to participate in a special talent program for the school PTA on February 13.

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We should have our 4-H Camp dates for 1979 fairly soon. As soon as these dates and the cost of 4-H Camp are known, we'll be passing the information along to the members.

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The 4-H Soils Team will meet at the Soil Conservation Service Office on the following Wednesday afternoons: January 17, 24, February 7 and 21. All interested 4-H'ers are invited. Meetings will begin at 3:30 p.m. and end at about 4:30 - 4:45 p.m. 4-H'ers with an interest in soils, plants and conservation will enjoy these workshops.

APPOMATTOX ELEME. SCHOOL MENU

Mon., Jan. 15 - Cheese pizza w/beef, tomato and lettuce salad, buttered carrots, pineapple cubes, cookie, milk.

Tues., Jan. 16 - Corn dogs, w/custard, navy beans, potato chips, cole slaw, cherries chip cake, milk.

Wed., Jan. 17 - Ravioli casserole, buttered broccoli, hot rolls, donuts, applesauce, milk

Thurs., Jan. 18 - Tomato soup w/crackers, bologna and cheese sandwich, peach pie, milk

Fri., Jan. 19 - Oven battered fish, corn bread, turnip greens, creamed potatoes, fruit cup, milk.

AT DAY'S END

Is anybody happier because you passed his way?
Does anyone remember that you spoke to him today?
The day is almost over, and its toiling time is through:
Is there anyone to utter now a kindly word of you?
Can you say tonight, in parting with the day that's slipping fast,
That you helped a single brother of the many that you passed?
Is a single heart rejoicing over what you did or said;
Does the man whose hopes were fading, now with courage look ahead?
Did you waste the day, or lose it? Was it well or sorely spent?
Did you leave a trail of kindness, or a scar of discontent?
As you close your eyes in slumber, do
You think that God will say,
"You have earned one more tomorrow by the work you did today?"

Society News

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Garrett and children were guest of their grandmother Mrs. Irvin C. Moses New Year's eve.

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Mr. and Mrs. Billy Coleman was guest of their aunt Mrs. Irvin C. Moses Wednesday evening.

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Thank Goodness!

January: The Confection Connection

What's the sweetest month of all? January, of course, for it's National Candy Month! So instead of succumbing to a postholiday slump this year, sweeten your winter with candy confections.

Although almost everyone appreciates receiving holiday, anniversary and birthday gifts, few gifts charm as much as the unexpected ones that simply say, "I was thinking about you." A gift of candy conveys "sweets to the sweet."

Through the ages, confections have always represented special treats prized for their pleasing taste and good effects. The ancient Egyptians thousands of years ago may have been the first candymakers, mixing honey with seeds, fruit and food colorings.

Candy, an energy-giving fun food, is made of a variety of ingredients and provides pleasure and satisfaction.

For everyone on any occasion—or no occasion— and especially during National Candy Month in January, candy is a gift of unquestioned good taste.

The tragedy of life is not that it ends so soon, but that we wait so long to begin it.
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SECOND SEMESTER CLASSES - 1979

COURSE	TIME	CLASS BEGINS	LENGTH OF COURSE	COST	LOCATION
Adult Basic Education					
Adult Basic Class (Classes for adults who did not finish High School and who desire to work toward securing the State Equivalency Certificate)	Tu & Th, 7:00-9:30p.m.	Class continues from first semester. Persons may enroll now for the remainder of the class.		No Charge	Adult Education Center at Appomattox Elementary School
General Adult Education					
GED Review Class (for adults who want to take the high school equivalency examination)	Tu & Th, 7:00-9:30p.m.	Tuesday, Jan. 30	55 Hours	$20.00	ACHS, Room 303
Physical Education (men)	Mon/& Th, 7:00-9:00p.m.	Monday, Jan. 29	44 Hours	$7.50	ACHS Gym
Physical Education (women)	Monday, 7:00-9:00p.m.	Monday, Jan. 29	30 Hours	$5.00	AMS Gym
Vocational and Technical					
Bricklaying	Tu & Th, 7:00 - 9:30 p.m.	Tuesday, Jan. 30	50 Hours	$15.00	ACHS Masonry Dept.
Farm Machinery Repair (Appomattox)	Tu & Th, 6:30-10:00p.m.	Tuesday, Jan. 16	105 Hours	$5.00 plus cost of materials	AMS Vo-Ag Dept.
Farm Machinery Repair (Pamplin)	Monday, 6:30-10:00 p.m.	Monday, Jan. 15	70 Hours	$5.00 plus cost of materials	Shop, Pamplin Elementary School
Sewing, Beginning	Tuesday, 7:00-9:30 p.m.	Tuesday, Jan. 30	25 Hours	$10.00	ACHS Home Ec. Dept.
Sewing, Intermediate and Advanced	Tuesday, 7:00-9:30p.m.	Tuesday, Jan. 30	25 Hours	$10.00	ACHS Home Dept.
Typing, Beginning	Tu & Th, 7:00-9:00p.m.	Tuesday, Jan. 30	48 Hours	$15.00	ACHS Business Education Dept.
Typing, Advance	Tu & Th, 7:00-9:00 p.m.	Tuesday, Jan. 30	48 Hours	$15.00	ACHS Business Education Dept.
Upholstery	Tuesday, 7:00-10:00p.m.	Tuesday, Jan. 30	30 Hours	$10.00 plus cost of materials	Home Economic Dept, ACHS
Woodworking	Tuesday, 7:00-9:30 p.m.	Tuesday, Jan. 30	25 Hours	$10.00 plus cost of materials	ACHS, Vo-Ag. Dept.
Adult Farmer Evening Class Pamplin)	Thursday, 7:30-9:30 p.m.	Thursday, Jan. 25	20 Hours	No Charge	Library, Pamplin Elem. School
Young Farmers (Young men 18-35 years of age)	Contact Vocational Agriculture Department at ACHS for Information concerning this class - Phone 352-7146				
Display in Selling	Tuesday, 6:30-9:30	Tuesday, Feb. 20	15 Hours	$7.50	ACHS DE Dept.
Principles of Supervision	Tuesday, 6:30-9:30 p.m.	Tuesday, April 15	15 Hours	$7.50	ACHS DE Department
Salesmanship	Tuesday, 6:30-9:30 p.m.	Tuesday, May 29	15 Hours	$7.50	ACHS DE Department
Drapery Construction	Thursday, 7:00-9:30p.m.	Thursday, Feb. 1	15 hours	$7.50	ACHS, Home Economics Dept.
Child Rearing	Thursday, 7:00-9:00p.m.	Thursday, Feb. 1	12 Hours	$7.50 for husband and wife/ $5.00 for individual	ACHS Home Ec. Dept.

NOTE:

1. Appomattox County School Board reserves the right to cancel a class if less than ten (10) persons enroll for a class.
2. Enrollment fees to be collected by instructor at first class meeting.
3. Persons are to pre-register for a class by calling 352-8253 during the hours of 8:30 - 5:00, or by mailing the registration form below.
4. Persons interested in a class not offered, please contact K. B. Carter, Adult Education Coordinator, at 352-8253 and give information about class desired.

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